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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,473,640

AB United States Patent No. 5,282,840

AL PCT Application WO 02/43587

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AN European Application 0 615 770

AO European Application 0 607 511

AT "Usefulness of the Impedance Cardiogram to Reflect Left Ventricular Diastolic Function," Pickett et al. The American Journal of Cardiology, Vol. 71, May 1, 1993, pgs 1099-1103

AU "Analysis Of The O-Wave In Acute Right Ventricular Apex Impedance Measurements With A Standard Pacing In Animals," Järverud et al., Med. Biol. Eng. Comput. 2002, Vol. 40, pgs 512-519

- AV "The Minnesota Impedance Cardiograph Theory and Applications," Kubicek et al., Biomedical Engineering, September 1974, pgs 410-416
- AW United States Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0002389

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AL and AT were identified and discussed in the present specification, and Applicant stands by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of those references.

References AA, AL, AM, AN, AO and AU were cited in a Search Report rendered by the Swedish Patent Office during examination of the counterpart Swedish application.

References AB, AL, AO, AT, AV and AW were cited in a Search Report rendered by the European Patent Office during examination of the counterpart European application.

Copies of the Swedish Search Report and the European Search Report are submitted herewith.

Since all of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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